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Title: Need to review the serving of alcohol in domestic flights in the Country.

DR. R. SENTHIL (DHARMAPURI): Alcohol is an addictive drug used widely in India. The common belief that alcohol used in moderation does not cause any damage to health is not substantiated. Even small quantities of alcohol can induce certain enzymes in liver and start damaging. Apart from causing direct damage to various body systems, alcohol use stimulates one to do criminal deeds. One of the most important causes for major road crashes is alcohol use.

This being the case the recent discussion about serving alcohol in domestic flights should be opposed. We should actually strive to stop serving alcohol even in international flights. Instead we are talking about serving alcohol in the domestic airlines. To propagate the use of alcohol in these flights is not a step in right direction. Offering drinks in domestic flights would make the passengers addicts and cause serious health damage. There would also be more behavioral problems and accidents.

Hence the Government should withdraw the very thinking of introducing alcohol use in domestic flights.